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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
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- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Jansen et al. NIST Special Publication 800-19 – Mobile Agent Security (hereafter Jansen).

2. As per claims 1, 5, 7, Jansen teaches a mobile application security system(see pg. 2, 2nd paragraph, fig. 1), a central computer connected to a server computer, each host computer executing the mobile application that jumps between the hosts during execution, and the central computer including means for monitoring the security of the mobile application as it jumps between the hosts computers wherein when the mobile application is communicated from a first host to a second host, it passes through the central computer(pg. 13-14, protecting the agents platform section, teaches a “reference monitor” that cannot be bypassed and pg. 18-19, teach central or distributed architecture), are disclosed in Jansen because, Jansen discloses a central host connected to each node for controlling the security of mobile applications/agents(see pg. 18-19 protecting agents section, teaches both central and decentralized server architectures). Further, Jansen teaches a security monitoring means further includes detecting unwanted changes in the code associated with the mobile application when the mobile application is jumping between hosts(see pg. 6-7, section 2.3.4, pg. 9-10, section 3.2, pg. 10-11, section 3.3).

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3. As per claim 2, Jansen teaches claim 1/1 wherein the detecting means further comprises means for storing a copy of each MA(mobile application) when the MA is created by having the creating node send a copy of the MA to the Central host, means for receiving data about the MA when it is received by another node and means for comparing the code of the MA received by the other node to the stored copy of the MA to determine if changes have been made to the code of the MA (Section 3.2, page 9, 1st paragraph teaches protecting against modification of code, i.e. comparing the original to the one received AND section 4.2.2 Mutual Itinerary Recording teaches tracking and comparing the Itinerary list as it traverses the peers – Since Jansen discloses both central and distributed Central host (see claim 1 above), this reads on using one stored copy for comparison purposes. Further to this point are the lists/tables, bottom list on page 14 and top list on page 19, which disclose many possible countermeasure means – one skilled in the art would provide for a one-to-one code compare at a minimum).

4. As per claim 3, Jansen teaches security monitoring means comprises preventing a node from transmitting hostile code in a MA to another node (page 3, Denial of Service section 2.1.2, teaches “malicious code” being introduced by an outside person or by an internal test engineer, etc. AND page 19, top paragraph teaches IBM Aglets prevent receiving platform from accepting agents from an agent platform not defined as a trusted peer, see also, pg. 6-7, section 2.3.4).

5. As per claim 4, Jansen teaches wherein preventing means comprises determining if the node dispatching the mobile application is trusted (pages 18-19, Protecting Agents, teaches trusted peers via IBM Aglets and Claim 3 above teaches Signed Code which infers trust), means for saving the code of the MA and means, when requested by another node, for providing the code for the MA to the requesting node (page 13-14, Protecting Agent Platform section – broadly

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discloses "trusted communications for MA's" which inherently includes requesting of MA and transmission of MA) but is silent on means for stripping the code from an initially received MA if the host is not trusted.

Jansen teaches identifying a non-trusted machine (see previous claim rejections) and hence many options exist as to how to stay safe from said machine, i.e. do not communicate with it, only transmit to it, attempt to re-verify that it is a trusted machine, only communicate with certain machines, strip code. The examiner believes that stripping code is the most harsh of the possibilities since it may be that a network error occurred or the user entered a bad login/password/certificate/etc., which resulted in the failed trusting operation. The stripping of code should be left to a system administrator.

6. As per claim 6, Jansen teaches wherein the detecting means further comprises means for saving a copy of the state of a MA received from a node that received the MA, means for receiving data about the same MA after a jump to another node and means for comparing the state of the MA after the jump to another node with the stored state of the MA to ensure that the state of the MA has not changed (page 17, section 4.1.4, State Appraisal section).

7. As per claim 8, Jansen teaches wherein the detecting means further comprises means for saving a copy of the itinerary of a MA received from a node that received the MA, means for receiving the same MA after a jump to another node and means for comparing the itinerary of the MA after the jump to another node with the stored itinerary of the MA to ensure that the itinerary of the MA has not changed (page 21-22, section 4.2.2, 4.2.3, Mutual Itinerary Recording and Itinerary Recording with Replication/Voting sections).

8. As per claim 9, Jansen teaches wherein the itinerary comprises past historical itinerary data (page 17, Path Histories section AND page 21, Mutual Itinerary Recording and Itinerary Recording with Replication/Voting sections).
9. As per claim 10, Jansen teaches security monitoring means comprises detecting unwanted changes in the state of the MA (page 17, State Appraisal teaches prevention of state corruption/modification, pg. 18-19).
10. As per claim 12, it is rejected under the same basis as claim 3.
11. As per claim 13, it is rejected under the same basis as claim 4.
12. As per claim 14, Jansen teaches detecting unwanted changes to the itinerary of the MA (page 21, Section 4.2.2, Mutual Itinerary Recording teaches tracking of an agent's itinerary).
13. As per claim 15, limitations have already been addressed(see claim 6).
14. As per claim 16, rejected under the same basis as claim 14.
15. As per claim 17, it is rejected under the same basis as claim 8.
16. As per claim 18, it is rejected under the same basis as claim 9.
17. As per claim 19, Jansen teaches receiving a mobile application at a central computer each time the mobile application is jumping between a first host and a second host(see pg. 18-19); and monitoring the security of the mobile application as it jumps between the host computers, wherein the security monitoring includes preventing untrusted hosts from initially launching mobile applications(pg. 3, 6-7).

Conclusion

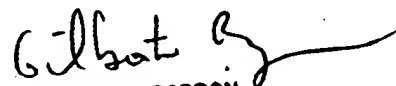
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jenise E Jackson whose telephone number is (703) 306-0426. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) alternate Friday's.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (703) 305-9648. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) ⁸⁷²⁻⁶³⁰⁶~~305-0040~~ for regular communications and (703) 308-6306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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